

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 14-18, 20-23 and 27-37 were pending in the application. Of the claims, Claims 1, 7, 14, 20, 21, 23, 27 and 32 are independent claims. Claims 27-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 1-7, 14-18, 20-23 and 32-37 are allowed.

Without acquiescing to that rejection, Applicant reserves the right to file the rejected claims in a continuation application. Claims 27-31 have been cancelled.

In view of the cancellation of Claims 27-31, it is believed that all Claims are in condition for allowance.

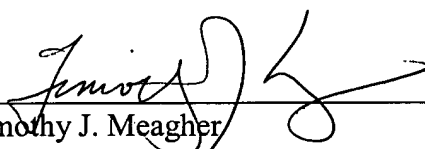
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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